

Ranking Category–SEDIMENTATION ABOVE FEDERAL RESERVOIRS

Primary Resource Concerns

- Water Quality Degradation–Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Eligible Land Uses

- Crop, Forest, Range, Pasture

Additional Requirements for this Category–

- To be eligible under this ranking category, greater than 50 percent of the application acres are within a federal reservoir priority watershed serving water supply needs designated by the Kansas Water Office (KWO).

State Issues

1. Answer the following question if the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). The agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.
 - (a) Is the program application to support the development of a CAP? If the answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other state level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. (400 points)
2. Answer ONE of the following five questions related to the federal reservoir watershed. If none apply, leave the answers “NO”:
 - (a) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KWO identified Priority 1 federal reservoir watershed. (270 points)
 - (b) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KWO identified Priority 1 and 2 (must have a combination of these two watersheds) federal reservoir watersheds. (240 points)
 - (c) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within KWO identified Priority 2 federal reservoir watershed. (210 points)
 - (d) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KWO identified Priority 1, 2, and 3 (must have a combination of at least two watersheds) federal reservoir watersheds. (180 points)
 - (e) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within KWO identified Priority 3 federal reservoir watershed. (150 points)

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3. If applicable, answer ONE of the following two questions related to drainage into federal reservoirs. If none apply, leave the answer “NO”.
 - (a) The entire unit of concern (100 percent) is located within a priority watershed for sediment runoff as identified in a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) 9 Element Plan. (80 points)
 - (b) Any part of the unit of concern is located within a watershed identified in a WRAPS 9 Element Plan that is not designated as a priority watershed for sediment runoff. (40 points)
4. If applicable, answer ALL of the following questions related to Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism (KDWPT) Ecological Focus Areas. If none apply, leave the answers “NO”:
 - (a) Any part of the unit of concern is located within a Terrestrial Species Ecological Focus Area and treatment of the resource concern will have a direct habitat benefit to a Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) identified in the Ecological Focus Area. (10 points)
 - (b) Any part of the unit of concern is located within an Aquatic Species Ecological Focus Area and treatment of the resource concern will have a direct habitat benefit to a Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) identified in the Ecological Focus Area. (10 points)
5. Answer the following question related to partner funding assistance:
 - Producer has secured funding for portions of the project from other contributors, which may include, but is not limited to, conservation districts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, Kansas Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy, or other cost-share programs. (10 points)
6. If applicable, answer ONE of the following 2 questions related to Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL). If none apply, leave the answers “NO”.
 - (a) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) identified high priority TMDL watershed for siltation. (20 points)
 - (b) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 50 percent, is located within a KDHE identified high priority TMDL watershed for siltation. (10 points)

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Local Issues

Answer the following questions related to the application:

1. Is the program application to support the development of a CAP? If answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other local level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. (250 points)
2. Application includes at least one practice with a lifespan of 10 years or greater, as documented in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). (75 points)
3. Practices are scheduled to be completed within four years. (75 points)
4. Participant requested a conservation plan for this application prior to August 31, 2016. (50 points)
5. Application was deferred from a previous funding period in the Program Contracts System (ProTracts). (50 points)